

Week Ending October 19, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 19, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton, rice and soybeans and planting wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 6 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Grain Harvested	100	98	99	96	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	91	100	100	0	6	24	44	26
	Harvested	61	36	76	63	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Harvested	97	92	100	94	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Mature	100	98	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
	Grain Harvested	97	95	97	98	---	---	---	---	---
	Silage Harvested	100	96	100	99	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Turning Color	98	95	98	99	---	---	---	---	---
	Shedding Leaves	92	82	91	86	2	6	29	43	20
	Harvested	69	55	64	52	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Planted	39	18	52	37	0	5	24	69	2
	Emerged	10	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	65	49	74	75	0	11	51	38	0
Pecans	Harvested	29	8	15	13	0	7	22	69	2
Peanuts	Harvested	95	80	97	96	0	2	48	50	0
Cattle						1	5	22	63	9
Pasture						2	16	38	40	4

### County Agent Comments

"Good weather has allowed harvest activity to progress nicely. Yields on all crops continue to be good. Some wheat has had some insect damage."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"The slow rain last Monday was very helpful to pastures and fields to be planted in wheat. Rain also settled dust on turnrows. Corn and Group IV soybeans have had good to excellent yields."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Corn harvest should have finished last week. Yields have been disappointing, but expected. Recent rains have slowed soybean harvest. Late soybeans are beginning to shed leaves and the danger of frost damage is diminishing."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"Cotton harvesting began last week with good yields reported on upland fields. Bottom land cotton is not mature yet and may get hurt by the expected cold temperatures. The rain last Monday helped wheat and pasture planting. Soybean harvesting is progressing nicely."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Harvesting conditions for field crops have been very good. A few more days at this pace will allow the bulk of the cotton crop to be harvested. More rain is needed for establishment of cool season grazing."

— Ernest H. Flint Jr., Attala County

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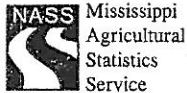
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# Weather Summary from October 13, 1997 to October 19, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale		38				1.00	+0.16	1	1.11				0.11
Cleveland													
Tunica	83	41	57	63	-6	0.97	+0.12	2	4.41	79	54	61	
Extreme/Average	83	38	57	63	-6	0.99	+0.14	2	2.76	79	54	61	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	74	32	51	61	-10	0.95	-0.09	2	5.72	73	53	61	0.11
Memphis	85	42	58	64	-6	1.62	+0.73	1	6.75				
Oxford	69	34	52	62	-10	1.12	+0.36	1	6.31				
Extreme/Average	85	32	53	62	-9	1.23	+0.33	1	6.26	73	53	61	0.11
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	40	56	62	-5	1.42	+0.62	1	3.22				
Corinth	85	36	57	62	-5	1.51	+0.72	1	5.42				
Iuka	85	32	55			1.21		1	1.22				
Pontotoc	86	36	57	63	-5	1.42	+0.60	1	2.56	83	52	64	0.19
Tupelo	83	37	57	62	-6	1.27	+0.39	1	2.31				
Verona	86	37	59			1.27		1	2.82	83	53	65	0.17
Extreme/Average	86	32	57	62	-5	1.35	+0.53	1	2.93	83	52	64	0.18
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	40	61	65	-5	1.30	+0.42	1	2.55	87	59	72	
Greenwood	87	35	56	65	-8	0.69	-0.14	2	2.57				
Rolling Fork	88	38	59			0.98	+0.12	1	2.76	88	62	72	0.15
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	90	38	62	66	-4	0.83	-0.18	1	1.38				
Extreme/Average	90	35	60	65	-6	0.95	+0.05	1	2.32	88	59	72	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	86	34	54	64	-10	0.00	-1.03	0	1.59				
Jackson	89	38	61	65	-4	1.82	+0.96	1	1.82				
Winona	79	53	66	62	+5	1.20	+0.31	1	4.67				
Extreme/Average	89	34	60	63	-3	1.01	+0.08	1	2.69				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.27	+0.52	1	2.74				
Columbus	86	41	61			1.38		1	3.02				
State University	87	43	64	64	-1	0.76	-0.06	1	1.58	84	51	65	
Extreme/Average	87	41	62	64	-2	1.14	+0.35	1	2.45	84	51	65	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	40	63			1.67		1	2.47	88	56	70	
Natchez	85	37	58	68	-11	1.29	+0.41	2	2.34				
Oakley	92	34	58			0.73	-0.17	1	0.76	85	58	67	
Vicksburg	88	40	59			0.98		1	3.13				
Extreme/Average	92	34	59	68	-9	1.17	+0.28	1	2.18	88	56	68	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	89	40	62	67	-4	1.37	+0.69	1	2.31				
McComb	89	36	63	66	-3	0.43	-0.16	2	0.94				
Extreme/Average	89	36	63	66	-3	0.90	+0.26	2	1.63				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	89	40	62	66	-4	3.13	+2.41	2	3.63				
Laurel													
Meridian	87	34	60	64	-4	1.16	+0.32	2	2.05				
Newton	86	34	60	65	-5	1.45	+0.48	1	2.29	79	50	63	0.16
Extreme/Average	89	34	61	65	-4	1.91	+1.07	2	2.66	79	50	63	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	84	39	63			0.93		2	1.42				
Biloxi	84	46	65			0.94		2	1.54				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	85	43	64	69	-6	3.50	+2.66	3	5.48				
Poplarville	89	40	65	68	-3	1.78	+1.01	1	2.78	88	54	70	2.78
Extreme/Average	89	39	64	69	-5	1.79	+0.98	2	2.81	88	54	70	2.78
State	92	32	60	65	-5	1.24	+0.40	1	2.87	88	50	66	0.51

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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